

TORRANCE COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-36

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN APPLICATION FOR THE NEW MEXICO HB 255 PUBLIC SAFETY CAPACITY GRANT PROGRAM AND DESIGNATING AUTHORIZED SIGNATORIES FOR GRANT DISBURSEMENT AND COMPLIANCE DOCUMENTS.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Torrance County, New Mexico, met in public session at the Torrance County Administrative Offices in Estancia, NM, on October 8, 2026, at 9:00 AM as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Mexico has enacted House Bill 255, creating the Public Safety Capacity Grant Program to build localized emergency response resilience, support workforce expansion, and stabilize regional emergency management infrastructures; and

WHEREAS, Torrance County Fire Rescue (TCFR) has identified critical regional public safety needs, including severe Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) wildfire threats, heavy systemic 911 EMS over-utilization, and rural supervisory command gaps that directly impact the physical safety of emergency personnel; and

WHEREAS, TCFR has developed a comprehensive 24-month project initiative to embed three (3) On-Duty Shift Captain positions acting as NIMS Shift Commanders and certified Incident Safety Officers, operating on a 48/96 professional shift rotation with a frontline personnel cash budget of \$309,340.02 annually (\$618,680.04 total over the 2-year cycle); and

WHEREAS, Torrance County has engineered a strict 0% administrative overhead structure for this project, committing to absorb all internal payroll and processing costs within existing operating lines; and

WHEREAS, Torrance County formally certifies its commitment to the 50% local cost-share match requirement (\$154,670.01) during the Year 2 grant cycle, utilizing a specialized net-zero impact funding framework drawn from the National Opioid Settlement Fund (\$103,113.34) and the Wildland Deployment Reimbursement Account (\$51,556.67).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF TORRANCE COUNTY, NEW MEXICO:

1. SUBMITTAL AUTHORIZATION: The Board hereby authorizes and approves the submission of the official HB 255 Public Safety Capacity Grant Application to the State of New Mexico in the direct personnel amount of \$464,010.03 in state grant shares.

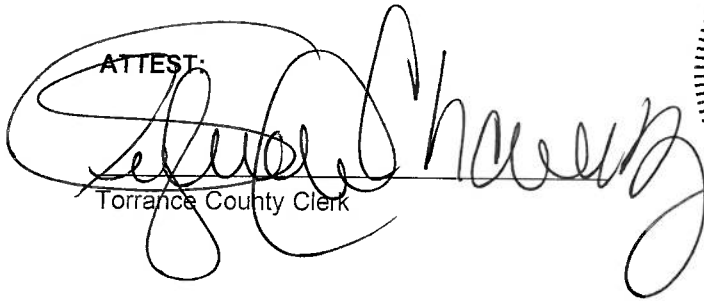
2. SIGNATORY DESIGNATION: The Torrance County Manager and the Fire Chief of Torrance County Fire Rescue are hereby designated as Authorized Agent Signatories for this project. They are granted full executive authority to execute the final grant agreement, process reimbursement requests, and sign all quarterly performance tracking or technical compliance documentation required by state grant administrators.

3. REVENUE ALLOCATION: The Torrance County Finance Department is directed to establish and manage the distinct, non-tax local ledger accounts required to securely transfer Track A (Opioid Settlement Account) and Track B (Wildland Account) cost-shares during the Year 2 performance window.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 8th day of October, 2026.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF TORRANCE COUNTY, NEW MEXICO


Chairman, Board of County Commissioners

ATTEST:

Torrance County Clerk

